Braving up to stop Pak T.V. invasion

1663. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item that appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 16th July, 1991 captioned 'Braving up to stop Pak T.V. invasion';

(b) whether it is a fact that due to delay in execution of long pending Central Government schemes to counter Pak propaganda, people of western Rajasthan themselves are taking steps to counter it;

(c) if so, what are the details of Central schemes in this regard and the reason for the delay in their execution;

(d) whether it is a fact that a sufficient number of Low Power Transmitters have not been set up with the result that people in the border areas from Hindumalkot to Bikaner are compelled to watch Pakistani T.V. programmes; and

(e) whether Government propose to expedite the execution of these proposals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have seen the said news item.

(b) and (c) The Government fully share the anxiety of the local population. Conscious of the need to strengthen TV coverage in the border areas of Rajasthan, the Government formulated a comprehensive scheme which, *inter alia,* included the establishment of a High Power (10KW) TV Transmitter with 300 M High Tower, each at Barmer and Jaisalmer. These are projects of long gestation involving a normal lead time of about 4 years for completion after commencement of civil works at the site. Civil works have been taken up at both these places. There was, however, some delay in the commencement of civil works mainly because a detailed exercise had to be carried out for finalising techno-economic design of 300 M high towers taking into account the local soil and environmental conditions and an approach road about 10 Km long had to be constructed up to the project site at Barmer to facilitate commencement of civil works.

(d) and (e) Seven Low Power TV Transmitters are at present functioning in the border districts of Barmer, Bikaner, Ganganagar and Jaisalmer in Rajasthan. With the establishment of the High Power TV Transmitters under implementation at Barmer and Jaisalmer, the TV service in large parts of the border areas of Rajasthan shall stand considerably strengthened. It has been Doordarshan's endeavour to implement these projects as expeditiously as possible.

The Government also fully recognise the need for bringing about further improvement in the TV service especially in Bikaner and Ganganagar districts of Rajasthan. This objective can, however, be achieved only in a phased manner depending upon the availability of the resources for the purpose.

Overinvoicing in imports of Drugs and medicines

1664. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of cases of overinvoicing in imports of drugs and medicines and overcharging of prices by drug companies that have been brought to the notice of Government upto 30th June 1991; and

(b) what action has been taken in each case so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) A number of complaints have been received alleging over-invoicing in imports and overcharging of prices by drug companies. The information to the extent available is given in the statement. (*See* below)

(b) The cases related to overinvoicing in imports have been referred to Directorate of Revenue Intelligence for necessary action. Examination of complaints reived against the drug companies on the issue of overcharging is an on going proces$_s$ and all these cases are at various stages of examination.

Statement]

(A) *Cases relating to overinvoicing of imports*

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the Drug/intermediate in respect of which overinvoicing have been alleged
1.	M/s Sandoz	Thioridazine
2.	M/s Hoechst	Cefatoxim Sodium
3.	M/s Roussel	Do.
4.	Rifampicin Producers	Intermediates of Rifampicin
5.	M/s Cadila Labs	Dexamethasone and its intermediate.
6.	M/s German Remedies	Dipyridanol
7.	M/s Bombay Paxwell	Tioc
8.	M/s Chemifine	Tioc
9.	M/s Hoechst	Analgin
10.	M/s Lupin	D-Tartaric Acid
11.	M/s Cadila	D-Tartaric Acid
12.	M/s Burroughs Welcome	Triprolidine Hcl.
13.	Other references from M.P.'s have been received alleging over invoicing in the following drugs	Chlorapromazine Triflourerazine Imipr mine Trimiproamine Polymixin B Sulphate Glipizide Pyrithyldone Zine Becitracin Telnaftate Fluecinolone Acetonide Oxyfadrine HCl Hyescine N. butyl bremide Pyrithioxine L-Dopa Mitomycin

(B)*Cases relating to overchanging of prices by drug companies*

Sl. No.	Name of the company	Name of the product
1	2	3
1.	M/s Sarabhai M. Chemicals	Vitamin C
2.	M/s Warner Hindustan	Isokin
3.	M/s Bochringer Knoll Ltd.	Buglucon
4.	M/s IDPL	Imported bulk drug

1	2	3
5.	M/s A.P. Chemicals	Paracetamol
6	M/s Malladi Drugs	Ephedrine
7.	Kiupa Traders	Rifamipicin
8.	M/s IDPL	Sulphadimidine
9.	M/s Sandoz (I) Ltd.	Multivitamin
10.	M/s Pfizer (I) Ltd.	Do.
11.	M/s Lupin Labs	Rifampicin & Ethambutol.
12.	Carows Pharmaceuticals	Combiflame.

Setting up a Monitoring Cell on Prices of Drugs

1665. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a monitoring cell to monitor the prices of non-scheduled drugs/finished medicines;

(b) if so, what is the constitution of the cell and its expertise;,

(c) what is the system adopted by the cell;

(d) whether it is a fact that as per Drug Price Control Order the producer has to intimate and provide break up before increasing the prices; and

(e) if so, what are the names of finished medicines of which prices have been increased by more than 50 per cent after the announcement of DPCO, 1987, and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Government have been keeping watch over the prices of drugs/medicines not covered under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. The Pharmaceutical Division in Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals is in-charge of this work also. Various published data like reports of O.R.G. form the basis of such watch.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The time and labour involved in compiling this voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Licence granted to drug companies

1666. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs for which Glaxo, Infar, Sandoz, Wyeth, German Remedies and Hoechst have been licensed during the last three years;

(b) what was the permited capacity of each;

(c) what are the names of drugs for which each has commenced production and what was the production of each drug of each company year-wise upto 30th June, 1991;

(d) whether it is a fact that most of these companies are importing finished medicines from their principal companies;

(e) if so, the names of finished medicines, quantity and value of import of each company and drug per year during the last three years; and

(f) what was the price fixed for each and at what price each is being sold at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) During the last three years M/s. Glaxo, Infar, Sandoz, German